

Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)
(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME <i>State the legal name of the FAC</i>
Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Council)
(2) AUTHORITY <i>Identify the authority for establishing the FAC</i>
Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) Title II, Subtitle E–“Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA)” of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11) (The Act) Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2
(3) MISSION/FUNCTION <i>Describe the mission/function of the FAC</i>
The Council shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan.
(4) POINTS OF VIEW <i>Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC,</i> <i>(a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered;</i> <i>(b) consider indentifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and</i> <i>(c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members</i>
The Council shall include 10 members to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom, to the extent practicable: (1) one member shall be appointed after considering the recommendations of the Mesa County Commission; (2) one member shall be appointed after considering the recommendations of the Montrose County Commission; (3) one member shall be appointed after considering the recommendations of the Delta County Commission; (4) one member shall be appointed after considering the recommendation of the permittees holding grazing allotments within the Conservation Area of the Wilderness; and (5) six members shall reside in, or within reasonable proximity to, Mesa County, Delta County, or Montrose County, Colorado, with backgrounds that reflect: (A) the purposes for which the Conservation Area or Wilderness was established; and (B) the interests of the stakeholders that are affected by the planning and management of the Conservation Area and Wilderness. The Secretary shall ensure that the membership of the Council is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions performed by the Council.

Members will be appointed to the Council to serve 3-year terms.

There will be no special government employees on the Council because all members are appointed to represent an interest.

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC

Not applicable

(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:

- (a) describe the process*
- (b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)*
- (c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency; and*
- (d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable*

In order to obtain members, the Council announces a 45-day open call for nominations period in the Federal Register. During the open period, the NCA and the BLM Colorado State Office sends a news release to all major media outlets throughout the state to solicit nominations. The call for nominations is also posted on the BLM-Colorado and NCA websites. The Governor of Colorado and Mesa, Montrose, and Delta County Commissions are also consulted.

The NCA manager selects the nominees. The recommendations are forwarded to the Colorado State Director and Governor of Colorado for concurrence. The recommendations are then forwarded to the BLM Director, before being sent on to the Department of the Interior (DOI) and DOI White House Liaison for vetting and approval. Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

According to 43 CFR 1784, "A vacancy occurring by reason of removal, resignation, death, or departure from elected office shall be filled for the balance of the vacating member's term using the same method by which the original appointment was made."

Council members serve 3-year terms, and can be re-nominated to serve additional 3-year terms.

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

Subcommittees subject to FACA should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different*

**This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.*

Subcommittees are not subject to FACA because they are not providing advice directly to a Federal Officer of the Department of the Interior. All advice or work products go directly to the parent Committee for review, consideration and deliberation at a FAC meeting before being submitted to the Department of the Interior through the DFO.

(8) OTHER

Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC

Not applicable

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated

August 1, 2011